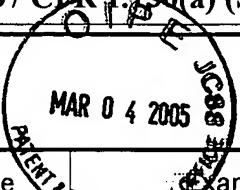


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
BAF-10703/29

**In Re Application Of: Ferree**



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/007,477	11/08/2001	M. Priddy	25006	3732	2845

**Invention: ENHANCED SURFACE AREA SPINAL FUSION DEVICES AND ALIGNMENT APPARATUS THEREFOR**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of Oct. 28, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: January 28, 2005 until: February 28, 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	14 -	20 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of \$60.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

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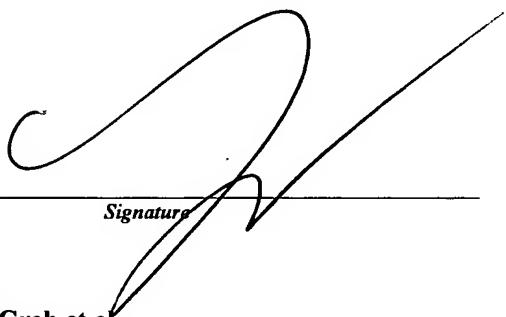
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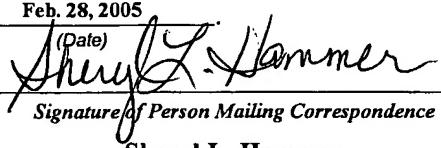
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